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ON PETITION

REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), was filed on August 11, 2011, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

This patent expired at midnight May 6, 2011, for failure to pay the 7½ year maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

DISCUSSION ON RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.378(c)

It appears that the renewed petition was submitted by Usha Mehta. However, Usha Mehta did not sign the renewed petition. In this regard, petitioner's attention is directed to 37 CFR 1.33(b), which states:

(b) Amendments and other papers. Amendments and other papers, except for written assertions pursuant to § 1.27(c)(2)(ii) of this part, filed in the application must be signed by:

(1) A registered patent attorney or patent agent of record appointed in compliance with § 1.32(b);

(2) A registered patent attorney or patent agent not of record who acts in a representative capacity under the provisions of § 1.34;

- (3) An assignee as provided for under §3.71(b) of this chapter; or
- (4) All of the applicants (§ 1.41(b)) for patent, unless there is an assignee of the entire interest and such assignee has taken action in the application in accordance with § 3.71 of this chapter.

An unsigned amendment (or other paper) or one not properly signed by a person having authority to prosecute the application is not entered. Therefore, since the communication was not signed the Office will not treat it further on the merits. I would also like to bring to petitioner's attention that we need a signed statement of unintentional delay since at the time the previous statement, as part of the petition, was submitted, the petitioner, Ms. Mehta, was not of record as authorized to sign on behalf of the assignee.

A decision on this petition will be held in abeyance for a period of **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this communication to permit petitioner to clarify the above matter.

The response should include a cover letter entitled "Response to Requirement for Additional Information."

The change of address submitted with the instant petition has been entered. However, this does not change the fee address for receiving maintenance fee reminders in the patent; it only changes the address for receiving other correspondence from the Office. Therefore, if petitioner wants to receive correspondence related to maintenance fees for the patent a "Fee Address" Indication Form (see PTO/SB/47) and Request for Customer Number (see PTO/SB/125) must be submitted.

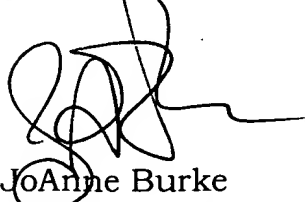
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The centralized facsimile number is (571) 273-8300.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-4584.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JoAnne Burke', with a stylized, looping design.

JoAnne Burke
Petitions Examiner
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